



# Unexpected Life



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## Chapter 1 by Laura Frost

My name is Lydia Hollis. I'm sixteen, of average height and build, and about a minute ago I sacrificed myself for the good of all humanity.

Perhaps I should explain.

I am- was, is the term now- part of a group of heroes. We'd go on adventures, save the world. And that was what we were doing. Saving the world from this crazy guy who was going to summon a terrible demon to destroy the world.

He had opened the portal, and the only way to close it was for someone to go in. Their bodies would be destroyed, and their death would close the portal.

So, I went in.

And here I am, dying. It seems to be taking a while. So now I'm floating, or maybe falling, in this purple, black, and blue, mix of color that seems to go on forever.

Wait, hold on a sec, is that a light?

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Just as that thought passes through my mind, I am thrown from the portal, into the air, and land unceremoniously on my back.

Well, at least I'm not dead.

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## Chapter 2 by ArtemisNine



"Owwwww" I groan. At least I didn't land on concrete, or in a lake, because swimming is far beyond my abilities right now.

I prop myself up on my elbows, and take a look around. The grass is more than a little pleasant, and there's a light summer breeze, and it's not a nuclear wasteland, so props all around.

Strange that I can't see any buildings. Earth is covered in them, no matter where you go, you can always see civilization. But I can't see any at all. Okay, there are explanations for that. Unpleasant explanations, but they still exist.

"Ho there!"

I turn to look behind me. Not too far off is a horse and rider, who looks suspiciously like a knight in somewhat dirty armor.

Great. Just... great.

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